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RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
 Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following in response to a non-final Office Action, mailed on September 4, 2008. This response has been filed within the three-month period for response (to and including December 4, 2008), so no fees are believed to be due. However, if an extension of time is required, it is requested that the Commissioner grant such extension. The Commissioner is further authorized to deduct any additional amounts due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-0014.

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